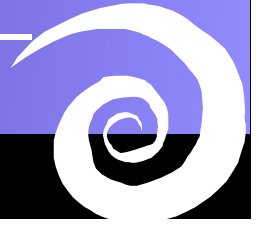


# PARADOX



READ. IMAGINE. THINK.

## June, July and August 2004

### The Big SACC Attack is Back!

The Semi-Annual Constitutional Convention (SACC) is back! And promises to be as much fun as a barrel of aliens. Toad Hall in the wilds of Radcliffe, permanent home of Susan Stewart and Brian Weigel, will be the site of this summer's wild ride. The dates set for this year are July 3, 4, & 5, 2004, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. As usual, the activities are open to all DMSFS members, wannabes and their guests. If you like a co-worker or mundane friend, we probably will too! Bring 'em along.

Create your own excitement and encourage others to participate. This promises to be a potluck weekend of fireworks, spud launching, gravel road meandering, beer-testing, chocolate indulging, jigsaw puzzle assembling, kitty petting, sun-tanning, late night chatting, belly dancing, role-playing, charcoal grilling and countless other methods of self-entertainment.

The canines will be spending the weekend at doggie camp, for their comfort and safety.

For our newcomers, the rules and expectations are simple:

1. Bring your own food and beverage for the weekend but expect to share and expect others to share with you. Think of it as a three-day potluck.
2. Keep in mind that we have limited refrigeration available. If you are unsure of what to bring, please call Susan or Brian for ideas.
3. Harassment of animals or co-human life forms is strictly forbidden.
4. No firearms or illegal pharmaceuticals will be tolerated.
5. Bed space is no longer available as the rooms have been assigned based on medical needs. There is plenty of outdoor space for tents, campers, or sleeping bags.
6. Everyone is expected to police their own trash and recycled materials.
7. Please do not leave leftovers behind. They will simply go to waste and we do not have enough storage space as it is. This is especially true for alcoholic beverages. In this house, it becomes slug bait.
8. Garden produce will be picked by the owners of the house. If you covet it, remember to ask.
9. There is no rule 9.
10. Musical talent and/or instruments are welcome. Spontaneous song may occur at any time of the day or night. Even the hostess is known to occasionally burst into song. Sometimes even on key.
11. Out-of-area guests may donate cash in lieu of food and beverage. Grocery runs will be conducted Saturday.
12. Anyone arriving early will be gang-pressed into service. No guests will be tolerated before 5 p.m. Thursday or after 5 p.m. Sunday.
13. Bathroom time and hot water are premium commodities. Please limit showers to 5 minutes.
14. Well-behaved children will be welcome. Parents are expected to ensure that the well-behaved part is enforced.
15. Smoking is allowed outdoors. Although the house contains a smoker, we try to be sensitive to the needs of others.

And where can you find this wild and crazy weekend? The address is 3312 Xircus Avenue, Radcliffe. To reach the festivities, take I-35 to exit #133, Iowa Highway 175 and head east for 3 miles. Turn south (right to you city folks) and turn east (left to you c.f.) into the first driveway, cleverly marked Toad Hall on the mailbox. For more info contact Brian or Susan at 515-836-2174 or toadhall@netins.net. Be there or be rectangular!

By Susan Stewart

### THANK YOU!

Our most heartfelt and sincere thanks go out to our countless volunteers. Without their contributions of time, energy and prizes, Demi-Con would be desperately lacking the charisma and charm it offers our members. This year's crop of volunteers is no exception. Although the following list indicates those who won prizes, there are dozens of others who did their volunteer work simply for the satisfaction of a job well done.

#### VOLUNTEER PRIZES

\$5 Barnes and Noble Gift Certificates

Brian Adams\*

Jim Webster

Mark Hagerman

\$25 Barnes and Noble Gift Certificates

Joe Kifer

Assortment of Tone's Spices

Peggy Miller

Ginnie Van Houweling

Marian Webster

Starbucks Bottle

Marty Cook\*

Zanzibar Coffee Mugs

Myrna and Gregg Parmen-

tier

Wonder Woman Doll

Marie and Bill Hubbard\*

Books on Tape

Ann Totusek

Brilliant Board Games

Carol Eis

DVD Movies

Megan Harper

Barb Benjegerdes

Sallie Abba

Heather McBride

Astronomy Book

Mandi Arthur

Freeze Mugs

Bryan Anderson\*

Wil Warner

Kevin Austin

Brian Weigel

Lone Star Tee Shirt

Bob Cook\*

Playing Cards

Dan Gardner\*

Game Boy with Assorted

Cartridges

Robert Monk

\*Indicates volunteer prizes not yet claimed by winners

Anyone wishing to forgo claiming their prize can do so and the prize will re-enter the mix for next year's volunteer prizes.

## Letter From E,

Three and a half years ago I found myself in a new and strange group and a new job as *Paradox Wrangler*. As I look back I am trying to remember what I was feeling as I took over the job of *The Paradox*. I know I wanted to feel connected. It was a new group and with me being shy and very hesitant, (I AM NOT KIDDING ON THAT ONE) I knew I had a gift of graphic design that I could share. It was not being used that much and I knew I needed to use it or lose it.

Well the last four years have been interesting to say the least. The shy, scared girl that I was, changed. I believe for the better, I am far more comfortable in my skin. Actually, I believe, we all are stronger because of these last few years from the joys, triumphs and pain that we have felt. In the last four years of *The Paradox* the articles have been about DMSFS life: weddings, parties, milestones, competitions, Demicons, pictures, poems, jokes, birthdays, anniversaries, deaths, dancing, performances, demonstrations and the list goes on and on. So many changes, fun times and growing. Personally, my morning job, at the church, has changed to where I use my graphic design skills and publication knowledge all the time.

With these changes, I find that doing an extra newsletter mentally draining and believe that *The Paradox* has suffered because of this. It has been published later and later each time because (GOSH DARN IT) I'm tired! It is amazing how something that you do as work at a job one place drains you in the artistry of another area.

So as this is my last *Paradox* as Editor, I hope I have been able to entertain you and maybe once or twice made you think with my writing. I find that I enjoyed that part of *The Paradox* very much. So thank you for your time and patience with a shy individual that liked to create by graphic design to the Editor I am today. Live, Love, Laughter!

Sincerely,  
Mandi Arthur

P.S. The new E will be with you shortly. Calling Mr. Mohning, please come to the keyboard. Mr. Jon Mohning, your Editor-ship is ready. I now dub thee E!

## Four Years ago....

Looking throughout the last four years of the Paradox.

Anime Exhibition: My  
Reality  
Des Moines  
Art Center



Summer 2001



DMSFS was there to help out with the annual  
Iowa Public Television Telethon.

Motto Chosen  
"Read. Imagine.  
Think."  
Fall 2001



Icon 26 Pictures  
Winter 2002



New Years Eve SACC  
Pictures  
Spring 2002

DMSFS Helps Out  
Summer 2002



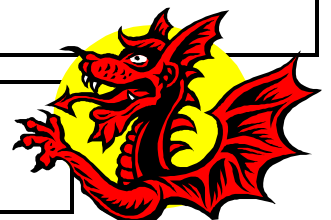
TICC at the  
WorldCon  
Fall  
2002



Paradox Poetry Page  
"Hotel Sarajevo"  
A slice of DemiCon mythology  
By talking lizard AKA Paul Clites  
Winter 2003

DMSFS puts Bid in for Costume-Con 24 in 2006  
Spring 2003

How to Tame a Dragon  
Contest at Iowa State Fair  
Summer 2003



Valentine Day with DMSFS!  
Winter 2004



DMSFS Does Return of the King  
Spring 2004



# Calendars and Milestones



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>June 2004</b>					DucKon, Radisson Hotel , Lincolnwood, IL - - - - -	
6 - - - - -	7	8	9	10	11 DMSFS Meeting	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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- Wendy Tschampf  
June 1
- Melissa Gerber  
June 9
- James Webster  
June 17
- Thomas Cleary  
June 19
- Lynette Lehman  
& Joe Struss  
June 20
- Eugene C. Hoth  
June 21
- Dave  
Countryman  
June 24
- Ted Poovey  
July 1
- Tammy Mohning  
July 10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>July 2003</b>					SACC -	
					CONvergence, Blooming-	
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18	19	20	21	22	23 DMSFS Meeting	24
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- Marian Webster  
July 13
- John Webster  
July 18
- Monica Harper  
July 19
- Ann Totusek  
July 25
- Robert Uy  
July 27
- Taliesin Roth  
July 28
- Sheril Harper  
August 2
- Virginia Fee  
August 7
- Susan Stewart  
August 13

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>August 2003</b>						
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15 DMSFS Cooking Contest	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 DMSFS Meeting	28
29	30	31				

- Greg Abba  
August 17
- Alois Tschampf  
August 20
- R. C. Nelson  
August 29
- Anni ersaries**
- Phil Dean &  
Sarah Macht  
June 22, 2003
- Les & Jeannette  
Roth  
August 27, 1988



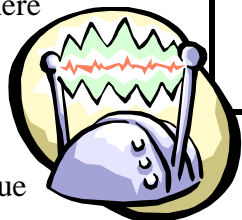
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# How to Reach Us:

If you need to contact the Des Moines Science Fiction Society for any reason, including subscription to this newsletter and submission of newsletter articles or information, you may do so via any of the following methods:

DMSFS is relocating our meeting place. We will be meeting at the **West Des Moines Community Center 217 5th St.** There is parking and a covered entrance at the rear of the building off of 4th St. Please join us in our new venue for club meetings.



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## DMSFS Family News

- Rachelle Hrubetz performed with her belly dance troupe, Rainbows of the Deserts, Sunday June 6 at Psychic Fair, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines.
- TICC has been asked to perform at Archon 28 in October. We are on the road again.
- The Des Moines Science Fiction Society will be hosting not one but two food contests at the Iowa State Fair for 2004. So check out the Iowa State Fair booklets to see the particulars. The contests is Sunday August
- Also Sarah Macht friends, Praireland Herbs in Woodard, are sponsoring 3 cooking contests at the Iowa State Fair.